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NEW INSTRUCTORSHIPS

FOR more than a decade the University of Chicago has recognized the value of the services rendered to the institution by men who were approaching the retiring age through the Distinguished Service Professorships. These professorships are named for benefactors and members of the University. One of our own members, Dr. Edgar J. Goodspeed, held for some years the Ernest DeWitt Burton Distinguished Service Professorship.

The Divinity School is now proposing to recognize young men whose service is just beginning. This recognition will take the form of an appointment to a "named instructorship." These appointments will run for a term of three years, and no instructor will be reappointed. Since these will be definitely term appointments, no stigma will attach to failure to secure reappointment. Appointments will be made on the basis of the promise shown by young men during their work in the school or in the early years of their service in the pastorate or in teaching. It is the hope of the school that an appointment to one of these instructorships will assist the young graduate of the school in finding a place either in the ministry or in teaching at the conclusion of his term. The teaching load assigned to these men will be light, and they will be expected to carry on a definite plan of study while they hold their positions. Men who receive these appointments, however, will not be candidates for a degree in the University. It is our conviction that the establishment of several of these instructorships will be a worthy contribution to the distinguished service which the Divinity School of the University of Chicago has rendered in the past not only to its own students, but to the general field of religious work in churches and schools in America. But the motives of the school

are not entirely altruistic. We need the contribution which the young men appointed to these instructorships will make to the life of the school. We are rapidly becoming a faculty of old men. The resignation of Mr. Shepherd in the spring quarter left us with only one young instructor. There are now twelve professors, nine associate professors, but only two assistant professors and one instructor. The majority of the faculty stand at the same level of rank and age. It is, therefore, our conviction that the faculty can be strengthened and enriched by the presence in it of several young men whose formal education has been but recently completed, and who, therefore, may be assumed to be more directly in touch with the currents of thought in the generation which we are attempting to train.

It is our hope that at least three of these instructorships may be established for the coming academic year 1941–42. The University administration and several friends of the Divinity School have promised their co-operation in making one possible. The trustees of the Baptist Theological Union at their mid-year meeting on October 16 indorsed the general plan of establishing named instructorships and voted to assure the establishment of one of them.

When this cause was presented to the meeting of the Alumni Association of the Divinity School in Chicago this summer, the members there present, and later the officers of the Association, voted to accept the responsibility of financing annually one such instructorship. The alumni of the school have agreed that no more fitting name could be found for this instructorship than that of Gerald Birney Smith. We intend, therefore, to establish the Gerald Birney Smith Instructorship in Divinity before the autumn quarter opens next year. We can do it only if the alumni of the Divinity School are willing to contribute some small amount each year to the maintenance of this instructorship. We shall, therefore, appeal to you soon to indicate the amount which you wish to pledge toward this purpose. This will not, in any case, involve a duplication of the University's appeal.

After the first shock of this announcement has worn off we hope that our alumni will see in this action of the school an opportunity for significant service to theological education and to the younger alumni of the school.

ERNEST CADMAN COLWELL

THE FACULTY

Dean Ernest C. Colwell lectured to the Men's Club at the Auburn Park Methodist Church the third Sunday in September. On October 20 he preached an anniversary sermon at the First Baptist Church of Chicago. On October 23 he spoke before the Baptist State Convention at Springfield, Illinois.

Dean Charles W. Gilkey vacationed during the second term of the Summer Quarter. He spent most of his time on the Maine coast sailing and cruising on the ketch "Geraldine." He preached four Sundays in Maine churches. On September 19 he read a paper on "The Place of Religion in Higher Education" in the Symposium on Religion at the Bicentennial of the University of Pennsylvania. On September 22 he preached for Dr. Fosdick at the Riverside Church in New York. Since his return to the Quadrangles he has given two addresses at the Disciples State Convention at Bloomington, Illinois; two addresses at the Congregational State Convention at Madison, Wisconsin; and two addresses at the Champaign-Urbana Baptist Association meeting at Villa Grove, Illinois. He spoke to the social workers of Michigan and Ohio at their state conferences and preached at Princeton on October 13.

During the second term of the Summer Quarter, Professor Edwin E. Aubrey drove with his family to California where he gave the Hazen Lectures at Asilomar College, August 3–10. He read papers at the Conference on Science, Philosophy, and Religion in New York, September 9–11, and at the Conference on Christian Unity in Washington, September 17–19. He has been appointed chairman of a committee of the Hyde Park Baptist Church to support the rights of conscientious objectors in connection with the draft.

Professor William C. Bower was in residence both terms of the Summer Quarter. He and Mrs. Bower spent the last week of August and the month of September at Devil's Lake, Michigan. Professor Bower offered a course on "The Living Bible" in the first week of the Pastors' Institute and acted as chairman of a panel discussion on the place of mental hygiene in religious education. On July 12 he presented a report on the White House Conference at a National Conference of Weekday Religious Educators at Lake Geneva, and on July 13 led a panel discussion on religion in public education before the same group. He addressed the Conference of the Committee on Community Relations of the International Council of Religious Education on the implications for community co-operation of the White House Conference at Evanston, October 8. Dr. Bower was chairman of the committee in charge of the celebration of the forty-year ministry of Dr. Edward Scribner Ames, which came to a close on October 6.

Professor and Mrs. Ernest J. Chave spent the summer at their summer home in Michigan. Dr. Chave says that he "found an exceptional opportunity this summer to do some research study working on the manuscript 'Foundations of Religion in Childhood.' "

After teaching during the first term of the Summer Quarter, Professor Winfred E. Garrison took a two-weeks vacation in northern Wisconsin and Michigan. Dr. Garrison is editor of a volume by twenty-three present and former members of the University Church of Disciples of Christ, Chicago, in honor of Dr. Edward Scribner Ames, celebrating his forty-year pastorate. The title of the volume is *Faith of the Free.* Professor Garrison made a bronze tablet with portrait of Dr. Ames, which was unveiled in the University Church of the Disciples of Christ on October 6.

Professor Charles T. Holman preached at the Church of the Redeemer, Yonkers, New York, on Sundays, August 25 and September 1. On Monday, October 21, he addressed the Chicago Lutheran Ministers Conference on "The Minister as Personal Counselor."

Professor A. E. Holt spent the early summer in Maine and then went to Berkeley, California, for the General Council of Congregational-Christian Churches. He is now teaching at the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley and will be back in Chicago about the middle of November.

Professor John Knox conducted the devotional services of the Pastors' Institute in August. He preached the sermon at the Convocation Service in the Summer Quarter. During the first week in September he gave five lectures to a conference of college and university professors on religion on the college campus, held at Camp Miniwanca, Michigan.

Professor D. W. Riddle attended the Conference on Science, Philosophy, and Religion in New York, September 9–11, and presented a paper there on "New Testament Study and the Time-Lag." During September he visited friends in Durham and Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Birmingham, Alabama, and Nashville, Tennessee. He lectured to two classes at Birmingham-Southern College.

Beginning with the Autumn Quarter, Professor Cecil Michener Smith is to devote his full time to the administration of the Department of Music in the Division of Humanities and will no longer be officially connected with the Divinity School. His work as organist and choirmaster in Joseph Bond Chapel has been taken over by Ernest Olson, assistant to Mack Evans, director of the University of Chicago Choir.

Professor Matthew Spinka and Mrs. Spinka spent the summer at their home in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire. Dr. Spinka preached in the First Congregational Church of Wolfeboro and spent much time in heading the refugee work of the National Union of Czechoslovak Protestants. Professor Spinka contributed a chapter to a book edited by Dr. H. Paul Douglass, dealing with a tri-denominational conversation regarding church unity. He is publishing a translation of John Amos Comenius' work entitled *The Bequest.* His translation of John Malalas' *Chronicle* from the Church Slavonic, in which he collaborated with Dr. Glanville Downey who compared it with all available Greek versions, will soon be published by the University of Chicago Press.

Professor William Warren Sweet spent the week of July 31–August 7 lecturing at the College of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Washington, before the Methodist minis-

ters of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming. September 19–21 he represented the Divinity School at the Bicentennial of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. On September 29 he addressed the Maumee Valley International Historical Convention in the high-school stadium, Defiance, Ohio.

Professor Henry Nelson Wieman had an article, "On Using Christian Words" in the July, 1940, number of the *Journal of Religion*. He led the annual Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. Conference held at Hollister, Missouri, and spoke to the ministers at the Pastors' Institute at Garrett Biblical Institute in Evanston. He also lectured at the Pastors' Institute held by the Divinity School and the Chicago Theological Seminary.

Professor Harold R. Willoughby spent the summer in Berkeley, California, in his own words, "making use of the superb combined library facilities of the University of California and the Pacific School of Religion in preparing a new seminar for the current academic year." Professor Willoughby says that the most important discovery of the summer was an eighteenth-century Mexican painting on copper showing Our Lady of Guadalupe with identical attributes and characteristics to those of the Astral Theotokos in the recently published McCormick Apocalypse. Dr. Willoughby has arranged two educational exhibits in Swift Hall in connection with the fiftieth anniversary celebration. One illustrates "Christianity in Art: Early Christian and East Christian," while the other illustrates "Bible Translation and Printing from Gutenberg (1440) to Smith-Goodspeed (1940)."

Mr. Bernard M. Loomer has been appointed as part-time instructor in the Divinity School for one year, 1940–41. He will supervise the Orientation course and do some teaching in the Philosophy of Religion. Mr. Sidney B. Mead has been appointed as part-time instructor in the Divinity School for the Winter Quarter, 1941. Mr. Mead will teach the basic course in American Church History in Dr. Sweet's absence.

STUDENT AND SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

THE 1940 PASTORS' INSTITUTE

The Ninth Pastors' Institute held during the last summer, July 29–August 11, was probably the most successful to date. Outstanding features were the lectures by Dr. George A. Buttrick, pastor of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York, on "The Work of the Minister"; a conference on "Personality and Pastoral Counseling," held in co-operation with the Committee on Religion and Health of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America; the Haskell Lectures on "Modern Trends in Japanese Religion," which were delivered by Dr. D. C. Holtom of Aoyama Gakuin Theological School, Tokyo, Japan; and the Seminar on "Religious Problems of the College Campus," conducted by Reverend Paul Burt, director of the Wesley Foundation at the University of Illinois.

In addition to conducting a notable series of lectures, so largely attended that it was impossible to find seats for all in the Breasted Lecture Hall of the Oriental

Institute, Dr. Buttrick preached twice in Rockefeller Memorial Chapel—once at the Sunday morning service, August 4, and again at the Institute Service of Worship, Sunday evening, August 5. The great chapel was well filled on both occasions, and the University of Chicago Choir, under the direction of Mack Evans, provided the music.

The entire program was printed in the last issue of the *Divinity School News*, so that it is unnecessary to repeat it here in detail. It is worth noting, however, that 166 of those who attended the Institute also registered for the conference on "Personality and Pastoral Counseling." A distinguished group of visiting lecturers, including nationally known psychiatrists, psychologists, sociologists, and ministers, as well as leading members of the University faculty, participated in the program. The opening dinner, when those attending the Institute had an opportunity to see as well as hear the famous University of Chicago Round Table, to which they had often listened on the radio, was held in Ida Noyes Hall. Professors Quincy Wright, Maynard C. Krueger, and Walter H. C. Laves discussed "The World Today."

The total paid registration was 351. Fifteen different denominations were represented, with the Disciples topping the list with 61 registrations. Congregationalists, Methodists, Evangelicals, Baptists, and Lutherans followed in the order given. Ministers and their wives came from 31 states. The bulk of the registrations naturally was provided by the middle western states, but all parts of the country were represented, ministers of various denominations coming from as distant points as Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Georgia, Florida, California, Washington, and most of the states in between. Canada was represented by five pastors. It will require strenuous effort to keep the Pastors' Institute in future years up to the high level achieved in 1940.

DIVINITY SCHOOL LIBRARY RECEIVES ORIGINAL PAPERS CONCERNING EARLY HISTORY OF THE DIVINITY SCHOOL

Mr. C. T. B. Goodspeed, president of the Board of Trustees of the Baptist Theological Union, recently presented to the Divinity School Library a considerable number of original papers which were the property of his father, Dr. T. W. Goodspeed, concerning the early days of the Divinity School and particularly bearing upon the relation of the first president, Dr. William Rainey Harper, to the establishment of the school. As is perhaps not generally known, the Divinity School is older than the University. While the University celebrates its fiftieth anniversary, the Divinity School is celebrating its seventy-fifth anniversary. One of the conditions that Dr. Harper made to his acceptance of the presidency of the University was that the Morgan Park Baptist Theological Seminary should become the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. Dr. T. W. Goodspeed was himself largely responsible for the establishment of the University by securing large gifts of money from Chicago Baptists in the early drive for funds. Dr. Goodspeed remained with the University for many years, later becoming its first historian and secretary of the University Board of Trustees. The

papers which Mr. Goodspeed has presented to the Divinity School will be of great historical value. They include correspondence between President Harper and Dr. Goodspeed, memoranda of various sorts, and other documents.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF SACRED LITERATURE

The retirement of Professor A. G. Baker from the faculty of the Divinity School involved also his retirement as director of the American Institute of Sacred Literature. A considerable reorganization has been effected in planning the future of the Institute. No director will be appointed to succeed Professor Baker, but the work of the Institute has been placed in charge of a committee with Professor Charles T. Holman as chairman. The committee is divided into two sections—one on radio and the other continuing the literary work of the Institute. Professor Davis Edwards is chairman of the radio section and for the immediate future the major resources of the Institute will be turned in this direction. It is suggested that alumni watch out for announcements of the first radio program conducted by the Divinity School. The section of the committee responsible for the literary work of the Institute will not only continue its past activities (with the exception of the Ministers' Loan Library —see note below) but will devise ways in which the radio program, as it develops, may be supplemented by literary contributions. Suggestions from alumni will be welcomed.

THE MINISTERS' LOAN LIBRARY

As part of the reorganization of the American Institute of Sacred Literature, the Ministers' Loan Library, as a separate library from that of the Divinity School, has been discontinued. However, books will be available to our alumni and other ministers who desire to borrow on even easier terms than formerly. All the books in the Ministers' Loan Library have been placed in the Divinity School Library, thus adding several hundred volumes of interest to clergymen to the rich resources of that library. These books, or any other in the Divinity School Library, may now be secured through the Inter-library Loan Service, and the only charge will be payment of postage both ways.

The procedure is simple. Go to your local librarian and ask him to request, on your behalf, the loan of the book or books desired, giving title, author, and publisher. Your local library will then be responsible for the safe return of the volumes borrowed. Arrange for payment of postage. Your librarian should address his request to Miss Katherine Hall, Inter-library Loan Service, University of Chicago Libraries, Harper W31, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.

In each issue of the *Divinity School News* a list of recent acquisitions by the library, which are of especial interest to ministers will be published. The following books have recently been acquired:

Philosophy and Religion

ANDERSON, LOUIS FRANCIS. *God and the Cosmic Order*. New York: Theistic Society, 1939.

BREASTED, JAMES HENRY. *The Dawn of Conscience*. New York: Scribner's, 1934.

CARREL, ALEXIS. *Man the Unknown.* New York: Harper, 1935.

MEAD, GEORGE H. *The Philosophy of the Present.* Chicago: Open Court Publishing Co., 1932.

Judaism

BROWN, LEWIS. *How Odd of God.* New York: Macmillan, 1934.

Bible

BARNETT, ALBERT E. *Understanding the Parables of Our Lord* (Nashville: Cokesbury, 1940.

GRANT, FREDERICK C. *The Gospel of the Kingdom.* New York: Macmillan, 1940.

WILDER, AMOS NIVEN. *Eschatology and Ethics in the Teaching of Jesus.* New York: Harper, 1939.

Church History

MCLAURIN, C. C. *Pioneering in Western Canada.* Calgary: The Author, 1939.

SMITH, G. G. *The History of Georgia Methodism.* Atlanta: A. B. Caldwell, 1913.

STIANSEN, PEDER. *History of the Norwegian Baptists in America.* Chicago: American Baptist Publication Society, 1939.

STUART, WILLIAM. *Brief History of the Christian Church.* Grand Rapids: W. B. Erdmans, 1931.

Christian Theology

AUBREY, EDWIN E. *Man's Search for Himself.* Nashville: Cokesbury, 1940.

BARTH, KARL. *The Word of God and the Word of Man.* Boston: Pilgrim Press, 1935.

WINTERS, C. M. *Ethics of Christianity.* Patterson: St. Anthony's Guild Press, 1940.

YEAXLEE, BASIL ALFRED. *Religion and the Growing Mind.* London: Nisbet & Co., 1939.

Practical Theology

BREED, DAVID R. *Preparing To Preach.* Chicago: W. P. Blessing, 1911.

EDDY, SHERWOOD. *I Have Seen God Do It.* New York: Harper, 1940.

MCCORKEL, ROY J. *Voices from the Younger Churches.* New York: Friendship Press, 1939.

CECIL, LORD DAVID (ed.). *The Oxford Book of Christian Verse.* New York: Oxford University Press, 1940.

SCUDDER, VIDA D. *Social Teachings of the Christian Year.* New York: Dutton, 1921.

Miscellaneous

BOGARDUS, E. S. *Leaders and Leadership.* New York: Appleton-Century, 1934.

BROWN, B. B. *Democratic Opinions and Experience.* Los Angeles: Times-Mirror Press, 1937.

COLE, STEWART G. *Liberal Education in a Democracy.* New York: Harper, 1940.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

The executive committee of the student council for 1940–41 is composed of Dan Genung, president, Grace Storms, vice-president, Janet Hayes, secretary, and Dick Pope, treasurer. Other members of the council are Elbert Cole, athletic chairman, Mrs. Woodbridge Johnson, tea hostess, Huston Smith and Les-

lie Kingsbury, interseminary representatives, and George Gordh of the chapel committee. The council had charge of Orientation lectures for the first two days of school this fall and undertook to acquaint new students with the life of the University as a whole, the Divinity School students and faculty, and especially with the library systems of the University. Tours of the various libraries were arranged and groups of six new students were guided by third-year men.

On the evening of October 7, the student-faculty reception held in Swift Common Room officially opened the activities of the student body of the Divinity School. One hundred and twenty-five guests were present. Dean and Mrs. Colwell and Dan Genung and Grace Storms headed the receiving line. The program was arranged by Mr. Bernard Loomer and Mrs. Joe Mihelic. Miss Janet Hayes and Miss Eunice Felter aided with refreshments. Dr. Edward Scribner Ames, former chairman of the department of philosophy of the University of Chicago and dean of the Disciples Divinity House, talked informally, giving his impressions of the Divinity School and of life in Chicago as a whole.

The programs for the Tuesday and Thursday Bond Chapel services have been slightly altered this year to place more emphasis upon prayer and worship. The programs are to consist chiefly of prayer, music, and readings. Messages, when they are given, are to be limited to seven or eight minutes. The names of the worship leaders will not be announced in advance, and the service is to be announced on the weekly calendar as "Worship Service, Joseph Bond Chapel" rather than "Divinity Chapel" so as to identify the service with the entire University community rather than solely with the Divinity School. Mr. Ernest Olson will direct a choir of eight. Services are to begin promptly at 11:55 and to end promptly at 12:20. Professor John Knox has been elected permanent chairman of the chapel committee, with George Gordh, a fellowship student, serving as executive secretary. Marvin Smith is vice-chairman, and other committee members are Grace Storms, Herndon Wagers, John Clark, Jack von Rohr, and Bryan Shelton.

The first tea of the Autumn Quarter was held Thursday, October 17, with Mrs. Charles T. Holman presiding.

CLUBS

The first meeting of the New Testament Club for the Autumn Quarter was held on October 14. Paul S. Minear, Professor of New Testament Interpretation at Garrett Biblical Institute, read a paper on "The Hellenistic Concept of Salvation." At the November 4 meeting Professor Harold R. Willoughby of the Divinity School will give an illustrated lecture on "Forum romanum religiosum."

November 8 and 9 the meeting of the Midwest Section of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis will be held at the Oriental Institute. Professor Donald W. Riddle is president of the Midwest Section.

The Religious Education Club is an organization for those interested in the field of practical Christianity and brings to its monthly meetings outstanding leaders in that field. At the first meeting of the Au-

tumn Quarter, held on October 23, Dr. Edward Scribner Ames was guest speaker. Mr. B. Fred Wise, director of Education and Music at the University Church of the Disciples of Christ, was guest soloist. After Dr. Ames's talk there was general discussion and the following officers were elected for 1940–41: president, James Saint; vice-president, Gilbert Nee; secretary, Lois Blair.

On October 16 the Church History Club held a meeting in Swift Common Room. Mr. Warren Griffiths read a paper on "The Religious Press and the Knights of Labor." The reading of the paper was followed by group discussion.

ALUMNI NOTES

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE DIVINITY SCHOOL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

The annual meeting and luncheon of the Alumni Association of the Divinity School of the University of Chicago was held in the dining-room of the University Church of Disciples of Christ, Chicago, on Wednesday, August 7, 1940, at 12:30 P.M. Nearly two hundred alumni, former students, and friends of the Divinity School were present, about one-half of whom were alumni.

In the absence of the president, Rev. W. F. Rothenburger of Indianapolis (who had planned to attend but who at a late date decided to join a South American seminar), the vice-president, Rev. W. C. Seitz of Gambier, Ohio, occupied the chair. President Albert W. Palmer said grace.

The chairman appointed as nominating committee the Reverend James M. Lively of Mattoon, Illinois, Reverend Alvin Cannon and Mr. Sylvester Jones, of Chicago.

After luncheon the chairman called on Dean Colwell to speak on the subject "The Divinity School and the Churches." The Dean spoke wittily and pointedly about the increasingly helpful relations developing between the Divinity School and the churches and discussed some of the more recent developments in the school. He spoke particularly of plans which are under way to secure several instructorships which shall be temporary appointments for a period not to exceed three years and to be named in honor of someone who has been of large service to the Divinity School. He suggested that the alumni might accept responsibility for providing a "living endowment" for one of these instructorships in the amount of $2,500 annually, and possibly to be named in honor of the late Gerald Birney Smith.

With the close of the Dean's remarks it was unanimously voted that the suggestion be approved in principle and that the matter be referred to the officers of the Association with power to act.

Dr. George A. Buttrick, pastor of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York, and president of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, was then called upon to speak. He discussed "The Federal Council's Work for World-Peace." It was a most informing address and dealt with the Federal Council's relation to the Taylor

appointment to the Vatican, as well as with the Council's own constructive activities in the interest of international peace and good will.

The Nominating Committee proposed the following list of officers. Election was by acclamation. Honorary president, Rev. W. F. Rothenburger, Indianapolis, Indiana; president, Rev. W. C. Seitz, Gambier, Ohio; vice-presidents, Rev. W. F. Bostick, Detroit, Michigan; Rev. W. S. Minor, Columbia, Missouri; Rev. H. A. Bosley, Baltimore, Maryland; Rev. W. Ernest Collins, Topeka, Kansas; Rev. Ellis E. Jensen, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Rev. Lon Ray Call, Chicago, Illinois; Rabbi S. H. Markowitz, Fort Wayne, Indiana; secretary-treasurer, Professor Charles T. Holman, Chicago; delegates to the Alumni Council, Rev. Charles L. Calkins, Chicago; Professor Laird T. Hites, Chicago; Mr. Sylvester Jones, Chicago.

President Seitz expressed the appreciation of the alumni to Dean Colwell and Dr. Buttrick for their addresses and to the University Church of the Disciples of Christ and Mrs. Williams and her staff for the excellent luncheon.

After prayer by Dr. Palmer the meeting adjourned.

CHARLES T. HOLMAN
Secretary-Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE DIVINITY SCHOOL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

The Executive Committee of the Alumni Association of the Divinity School of the University of Chicago met on Thursday, August 8, in Hutchinson Commons at 12:30 P.M. with President W. C. Seitz presiding. The following members were present: Dean Ernest C. Colwell; President W. C. Seitz; Vice-Presidents W. F. Bostick, W. S. Minor, W. Ernest Collins, Lon Ray Call; Representatives to the Alumni Council Rev. Charles L. Calkins and Professor Laird T. Hites; Secretary-Treasurer Charles T. Holman.

The question of organization for the year's work was raised, and it was agreed that no further organization was necessary. The officers promised all possible co-operation but suggested that most of the business of the year would have to be done by correspondence and carried on through the secretary's office.

A considerable time was spent discussing ways in which the Divinity School might cultivate and serve the alumni, and the following matters were considered:

1. The Committee expressed its hearty approval of the visitation of Dean Gilkey and Professor Holman among the alumni and voiced the hope that these services might be increased in the coming year. It was felt that Dean Gilkey was making invaluable contacts for the Divinity School, especially by his attendance upon denominational conventions, conferences, assemblies, etc.

2. The Secretary described the plan of the University Alumni Association for "regional advisers" and asked the judgment of the Committee upon a plan to establish such a group for the Divinity School. The task of these advisers would be:

a) To inform the Dean about good prospective students and to turn the attention of such students in the direction of the Divinity School;

b) To inform the Dean about positions which might become available for Divinity School graduates;

c) To co-operate with the administration of the school in making the greatest possible use of Dean Gilkey and Professor Holman as they move about the country;

d) In all other ways to co-operate with the administration in the cultivation by the school of its alumni.

3. It was requested that copies of the *Announcements* of the Divinity School be sent regularly as issued to all alumni officers and regional advisers

4. The Committee approved the suggestion by Mr. Minor that the administration canvass the possibility of securing loans for students at lower interest rates than are at present available.

5. Dean Colwell informed the Committee that the program of the American Institute of Sacred Literature was being radically revised and that, among other things, five hundred dollars was being immediately expended upon experimental work in radio. The Committee expressed its approval of the movement of the American Institute of Sacred Literature into the field of radio and suggested that the literary resources of the Institute should be used in every possible way to supplement the radio program. It was further suggested that in the preparation of any future literary productions the Institute should consider carefully the form in which the Hazen Foundation books are published.

The Secretary raised the question of the manner in which the present Loan Library of the Institute might be most profitably used and suggested the possibility of placing all the present books in the University Library and making them available through the Inter-library Loan Service, together with other books in the University library.

New acquisitions likely to be of interest to ministers or teachers of religion could be printed quarterly in the *Divinity School News*. The plan received the unanimous approval of the Committee.

6. At the Chairman's request the Dean discussed the problem of securing alumni support for the instructorship as proposed in his address to the Alumni Association (see minutes of meeting on August 7), and the Committee expressed by unanimous vote its full approval of the project, and each member expressed his willingness to forward it in every possible way in his own community. It was agreed that leadership in various areas might be secured through the officers (who represent a wide geographical distribution), regional advisers, and other interested alumni. Dr. Calkins said that he would be glad to spend some time in his travels about the country in enlisting the support of the alumni in this undertaking, and it was suggested that Dean Gilkey and Pro-

fessor Holman should do the same as they visited alumni groups.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

CHARLES T. HOLMAN
Secretary-Treasurer

PERSONALS

On September 1, 1940, Robert Van Meigs, D.B. '98, resigned his pastorate of eleven years with the Logan Square Baptist Church, Chicago. After serving for a time as acting pastor he was recalled and has decided to continue his work with that church.

Claire Luther Waite, D.B. '02, closed his pastorate with the First Christian Church of Riverside, California, on September 30, 1940, to accept the pastorate of the First Christian Church of Honolulu.

Dr. William F. Rothenburger, D.B. '07, pastor of Third Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, Honorary President of the Divinity School Alumni Association, spent part of his summer touring South America. He was a member of a seminar which visited and studied in Brazil and Argentina and then, as a representative of the United Christian Missionary Society and chairman of its board of managers, flew to Paraguay and inspected the educational work and leper colony maintained by the Disciples of Christ. Following that he spent some time in Buenos Aires with Ward College, a Methodist-Disciple institution, returning home by way of Uruguay, Trinidad, Barbados, and Santo Domingo. Dr. Rothenburger says that this was one of the most rewarding travel tours he has ever taken.

On September 29 the Boards of Deacons and Deaconesses of First Baptist Church of Denver, Colorado, conducted an evening worship service observing the thirtieth anniversary of the ordination to the ministry of their pastor, Clarence W. Kemper, D.B. '12. Dr. Kemper recently published a book entitled *At Grips with Life.*

Harvey C. Travis, A.M. '17, has recently been appointed pastor of the Methodist Church of Onawa, Iowa.

Rev. Frederick H. Fahringer, A.M. '18, pastor of First Baptist Church, Janesville, Wisconsin, has been given a year's leave of absence to serve as chaplain of the 120th Field Artillery of the Wisconsin National Guard at Camp Beauregard near Alexandria, Louisiana. Mobilization date was October 15. Mr. Fahringer has been chaplain of this regiment for thirteen years, serving the first seven as chaplain with the rank of first lieutenant, the last six years with the rank of captain.

Newton H. Carman, D.B. '18, has been appointed to the Public Relations Department of the Northwestern Baptist Hospital Association of St. Paul, Minnesota. This organization operates the only Baptist hospital west of New York and the only Baptist school of nursing west of Boston. Mr. Carman's address this year will be 40 West Long Street, Columbus, Ohio.

William C. Deer, D.B. '22, has recently become pastor of the Congregational Church of Mobridge, South Dakota.

Ivan G. Grimshaw, A.M. '26, has been appointed professor of Bible at the American International College, Springfield, Mass.

The August 1, 1940, number of the *United Church Observer* of Toronto carries an article, "Why Are Our Colleges in a State of Decline?" by Principal W. C. Graham, Ph.D. '26, formerly professor of Old Testament language and literature at the University of Chicago and now professor and principal at United College, Winnipeg. The same issue carries an article by Henry Mick, A.M. '38, on "The Minister and Continuation Studies."

Robert W. Kingdon, A.M. '28, has left his pastorate of the Pilgrim Church, Honolulu, to become minister of the First Congregational Church at Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin.

Carl A. Nissen, A.M. '29, assumed his duties as assistant in the department of sociology of Ohio State University this fall. The position carries responsibility for part-time teaching, and Mr. Nissen plans to complete work for the doctorate while there. During the summer he was acting pastor of the Columbia Baptist Church at Columbia Station, Ohio.

David Harvey Gilliatt, A.M. '30, began his duties as professor of homiletics and practical theology at Bonebrake Theological Seminary in September of this year. He has been professor of Bible and religious education at Indiana Central College.

Victor H. Evjen, A.M. '30, was appointed a short time ago to the position of assistant chief of probation of the United States Probation System. He will be managing editor of the *Federal Probation Quarterly*.

How To Pray: A Plan for Private Daily Devotions is a short tract published by H. Parr Armstrong, D.B. '31. Mr. Armstrong has been pastor of the Central Christian Church in Kansas City, Missouri, since 1932.

Phillip Johnson, A.M. '31, pastor of First Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, was one of two representatives of South Dakota to visit Washington, D.C., on behalf of William Allen White's Committee To Defend America by Aiding the Allies. Men from various parts of the United States were present and met with the President and other governmental officials. Mr. Johnson flew to Washington in order to attend this meeting.

Rabbi S. H. Markowitz, Ph.D. '32, who was for several years Rabbi of the Achduth Vesholom Congregation at Fort Wayne, Indiana, has become Rabbi of Temple B'nai Israel, Elmira, New York, and also Jewish chaplain at the Elmira Reformatory. Rabbi Markowitz was recently elected one of the vice-presidents of the Alumni Association of the Divinity School.

Herman G. McCoy, A.M. '32, has a new pastorate at the First Presbyterian Church, Arlington Heights, Illinois.

Mrs. Ruth K. Hill, Ph.D. '33, became relief administrator and case-work supervisor in the Winona, Minnesota, City Relief Office March 1, 1940. Her official title is City Poor Commissioner. There are five other members of the staff. Dr. Hill reports that she is enjoying her work very much indeed.

The circular letter for September 16 published by the Office of the Chief of Chaplains of the War Department, Washington, reports that Ralph W. Rogers, A.M. '33, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant-colonel.

IN MEMORIAM

Rev. James W. Herring, A.M. '20, executive secretary of the Wisconsin Baptist Convention, died suddenly at the age of forty-three on Sunday, August 25, in a hospital at St. Paul, following a very severe nervous breakdown which began shortly after the Northern Baptist Convention at Atlantic City. The breakdown was brought on by overwork. Dr. Herring had had three successful pastorates preceding his acceptance of the State Convention secretaryship a year ago: Woodstock, Illinois, Pontiac, Michigan, and Peru, Indiana. He was a graduate of William Jewell College, Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, and the Divinity School of the University of Chicago.

At the funeral service, August 27, at Milwaukee, Dr. A. Le Grand, former secretary of the Wisconsin Baptist Convention, spoke very highly of Dr. Herring's work as a servant of the denomination and the Kingdom. Rev. David Leon Woodward, pastor of the First Church of La Grange, Illinois, and a very close friend, gave a glowing tribute to the sterling Christian character and devotion of the deceased and brought a message of comfort to the family. The service was widely attended by the leaders of the Baptist fellowship of several states.

Dr. Herring is survived by his wife and daughter, Janet, and his aged mother at Glasgow, Missouri. For several months, at least, Mrs. Herring and her daughter will continue to live at their home at Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

We record with regret the recent death of George Demetrius Josif, A.M. '19, educational adviser and field secretary of the American Baptist Mission in Burma. Since 1935 Mr. Josif had been principal of the Cushing High School and the Baptist English High School in Rangoon, Burma. In 1937 he established a library of about four hundred books for teachers in mission schools and, in 1939, a circulating library for Indian pastors. He published a chapel hymnal for schools in Burma and edited a quarterly educational bulletin for schools.

Word has been received of the death of Morton M. E. Rodgers of Maryville, Tennessee.

Rev. John William Roberts, of Penney Farms, Florida, died on June 26, 1940.

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